((ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबधी ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में कुछ स्वदेशी कंपनियों से प्राप्त हुए प्रस्तावों को भी मंजूरी प्रदान की गई है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और.

(ड.) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) से (ड.) सरकार ने कोयला बैड (धरातल) मिथेन परियोजनाओं के अन्वेषण तथा विकास के लिए भारत की निम्नलिखित कंपनियों को अनुमोदन दे दिया है:-

क्रम.सं.	कंपनी का नाम
1.	मेसर्स मोदी-मैकेन्जीन मिथेन लिमिटेड (एक संयुक्त उद्यम कंपनी) ।
2.	मेसर्स एसको इंडिया पेट्रोलियम कंपनी, अमरीका ।
3.	मेसर्स रिलायन्स इंडस्ट्रीज लि.।

Welfare Measures for Tcndu Leaf Labourers

1416. SHRI MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate some welfare measures for Tendu Leaf labourers;

(b) whether any such scheme has been started in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, how many workers are benefiting from these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to available information, an insurance coverage has been introduced as a social welfare measure.

(c) Does not arise.

FCV Tobacco Production in Andhra Pradesh

1417. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expected FCV tobacco production in Andhra Pradesh in 1995-96;

(b) whether the recent cyclone has had any impact on tobacco production in the State; and

(c) if so, the extent of the impact of the cyclone on the tobacco economy in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The authorised crop size of FCV tobacco fixed for Andhra Pradesh by Tobacco Board for 1995-96 season is 75.47 Kgs. It is too early to estimate the expected FCV tobacco production in Andhra Pradesh as planting is on progress.

(b) and (c) The impact of cyclone has been noticed on the FCV tobacco nurseries, transplanted crop and barns in East Godavari, West Godavari, Khammam, Warangal, Karimnagar, Krishna and Guntur districts of Andhra Pradesh. On account of cyclone, the total production of FCV tobacco in Andhra Pradesh is likely to decline by about 1%.

Inadequate Supply of Sugar to PDS consumers

1418. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that beneficiaries of PDS in the country are still facing difficulty in getting their quota of sugar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that PDS shopowners often complain about getting less than the required supply of sugar from the FCI godowns;

(c) if so, the reasons for this short supply; and

(d) steps being taken to ensure timely supply of sugar to the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE